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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - April 21, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that today a federal grand jury sitting in San Diego handed up a two-count indictment charging Chia Kia Cheng, aka Ronald "KC" Chia, with Attempted Export of Defense Articles Without a License.

According to the indictment, Cheng attempted to illegally export an M4 Carbine automatic rifle and an M4 Commando automatic rifle to Indonesia, in violation of the Arms Export Control Act.

According to court documents, Cheng, a Singapore national, met with an undercover government agent in San Diego to negotiate the purchase and export of three fully-automatic rifles and a scope. Upon arrival in Indonesia, the rifles were to be test fired prior to the anticipated purchase and illegal export of hundreds of additional rifles.

Cheng is next scheduled to be in court on April 25, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. before Magistrate Judge Louisa S. Porter.

**DEFENDANT**

Chia Kia Cheng  
aka Ronald “KC” Chia

Residence: Singapore

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Counts 1 and 2: Title 22, United States Code, Sections 2778(b)(2) and (c) - Attempt to Export Defense Articles Without a License; Maximum penalties per count: 10 years in prison and a \$1,000,000 fine

**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security  
Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Department of Defense